

# The Workbench

*Giving you the tools you need to build your program successfully*



August 2003

## New Online Course: Community-Based Service- Learning 101

The MSU Extension and 4-H Youth Development are offering an online course designed to help you put community-based service-learning concepts into action in your youth program. You will have the opportunity to interact with other youth development professionals, including special guests working in service-learning and other relevant areas to:

- Learn more about models that promote community-based service-learning.
- Find out how to apply the most

current literature in this area.

- Develop a greater understanding of the concepts by applying them to real-life situations.
- Reflect on the link between community service projects and positive youth development.
- Build on ways to fund youth-driven community service projects.

This course is designed for staff and volunteers who work with youth ages 12 to 19. All nonprofit organizations, recreation departments, schools, faith-based youth groups, and community action agency youth groups are

encouraged to take advantage of this course.

The course will provide 7 weeks of online sessions starting September 4 and ending October 16, 2003. This is a noncredit course.

The cost for the course is \$75. For the latest information on this course go to

[www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/commserv/cbsl101/](http://www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/commserv/cbsl101/).

If you would like to be put on a list to be notified when the registration is available, send an e-mail message to Beth Cheng at [chengb@msue.msu.edu](mailto:chengb@msue.msu.edu).

## Brookings Institute Offers New Book on National Service and Citizenship

*United We Serve: National Service And The Future of Citizenship* gathers many diverse voices on civic life and civic obligation to explore the idea of National Service as it relates to citizenship. Activists and practitioners discuss the rise of the service movement, its practical successes, and its challenges. Policymakers and political leaders explore the links between service and problem solving. Political scientists and philosophers connect the service debate to larger concerns about democratic participation.

The book also includes a lively debate over whether the U.S. should reconsider compulsory national service. The discussion about service is a debate over how Americans think of themselves and their nation-and about what the "new patriotism" means.

Contributors include former President Bill Clinton, Senator John McCain, Harris Wofford, Stephen Goldsmith, Harry Boyte, and many more.

*United We Serve* is offered in a cloth cover for \$46.95, and in paperback for 18.95. For more information visit: [www.brookings.edu/press/books/unitedweserve.htm](http://www.brookings.edu/press/books/unitedweserve.htm)

## Funding Available for Programs With Community Health Focus

Proposals are being accepted for grants from the Commonwealth Fund, which supports research on health and social issues and makes grants to improve health-care practice and policy. Types of support include employee-matching gifts, program development,

program evaluation, and research.

Support is generally given for three years or less. Public agencies and nonprofit organizations may apply.

Preference is given to projects that seek to solve problems, especially those affecting vulnerable groups; analyze the effects of policies and trends on well-defined health issues;

and develop and test practical solutions. This is an open grant. There is no specific deadline for application.

For additional information, contact Andrea Landes, Commonwealth Fund, at (212) 606-3800 or visit [www.cmwf.org](http://www.cmwf.org).



## The Workbench's

# Three - Month National Service Planner



### August

- 1-4 Pathways to Participation: Volunteering and Voting, Washington, D.C. (The Arsalyn Program, [www.arsalyn.org/ta.asp](http://www.arsalyn.org/ta.asp))
- 6 Working Effectively With the Media - MNA Local Learning Series, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Lansing (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 9-12 AmeriCorps\*VISTA Early Service Training, Chicago, IL (Kevin Murphy, [kmurphy@cns.gov](mailto:kmurphy@cns.gov))
- 13 Learn and Serve – Michigan CBO conference call, 9:00 a.m. (Tara Gilman, [gilmant@michigan.gov](mailto:gilmant@michigan.gov), (517) 241-2553)
- 18-21 AmeriCorps\*VISTA Pre-Service Orientation and New Supervisor Training, Chicago, IL (Kevin Murphy, [kmurphy@cns.gov](mailto:kmurphy@cns.gov))
- 21 Volunteer Centers of Michigan Quarterly Meeting, Heart of West Michigan United Way, Grand Rapids, MI ([www.mivolunteers.org](http://www.mivolunteers.org))
- 21-22 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director's meeting, Roscommon (Michelle Metzmaker, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov), (517) 241-3606)

### September

- 3-5 America's Promise Regional Training/Michigan's AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Quarterly Training #2, Detroit (Kathie Vasilion, [vasilionk@michigan.gov](mailto:vasilionk@michigan.gov), (517) 373-4200)
- 9 Spending Your Technology Dollars Effectively - MNA Local Learning Series, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Lansing (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
- 15-16 Hands-on Technology Training, Bethesda, MD (Senior Corps Tech Center, [www.regonline.com/checkin.asp?EventId=8951](http://www.regonline.com/checkin.asp?EventId=8951))
- 18 Michigan's AmeriCorps Program Director's meeting, MCSC (Michelle Metzmaker, [metzmakerm1@michigan.gov](mailto:metzmakerm1@michigan.gov), (517) 241-3606)
- 23-25 Indiana University Center on Philanthropy Fundraising School Course 201-Developing Leadership for Major Gifts, Laurel Manor, Livonia (Michigan Nonprofit Association, [www.mnaonline.org/works.htm](http://www.mnaonline.org/works.htm))
- 24 Nonprofit Day, Lansing (Michigan Public Policy Initiative, (517) 492-2400 [www.mnaonline.org/nonprofitreg.asp](http://www.mnaonline.org/nonprofitreg.asp))
- 29-30 Hands-on Technology Training, Orlando, FL (Senior Corps Tech Center, [www.regonline.com/checkin.asp?EventId=8951](http://www.regonline.com/checkin.asp?EventId=8951))

### October

- 6-8 Learn and Serve – Michigan SB Grantee Meeting, Lansing (Tara Gilman, [gilmant@michigan.gov](mailto:gilmant@michigan.gov), (517) 241-2553)
- 11-14 National Conference on Preventing Crime, Washington, DC (National Crime Prevention Council, [www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=5882-7518-4856](http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=5882-7518-4856))
- 15 National Disability Mentoring Day: Career Development for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ([www.aapd.com/mentor.html](http://www.aapd.com/mentor.html))
- 15 Successful Grant Writing: Where Do I Go, What Do I Say When I Get There? - MNA Local Learning Series, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Lansing (Michigan Nonprofit Association, (517) 492-2400, [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org))
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- 21-22 Learn and Serve – Michigan CBO Grantee Meeting, Lansing (Tara Gilman, [gilmant@michigan.gov](mailto:gilmant@michigan.gov), (517) 241-2553)
- 23-24 Hands-on Technology Training, Chicago, IL (Senior Corps Tech Center, [www.regonline.com/checkin.asp?EventId=8951](http://www.regonline.com/checkin.asp?EventId=8951))
- 25 Make a Difference Day ([www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html](http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html))
- 27 Learn and Serve – Michigan Financial Training (Tara Gilman, [gilmant@michigan.gov](mailto:gilmant@michigan.gov), (517) 241-2553)

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To share information about upcoming Training and Technical Assistance events or issues for National Service Programs, please call the MCSC at 517.335.7952, email [youngera1@michigan.gov](mailto:youngera1@michigan.gov), or write "The Workbench," Michigan Community Service Commission, 1048 Pierpont, Suite 4, Lansing, MI 48913